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ECONOMIC: Intelligence concerning the nature, utilization, potentialities, and vulnerabilities of a nation's natural and human resources, agriculture, industry, commerce, and finance.

GEOGRAPHIC: Intelligence concerning the meteorology, hydrography, topography, and basic natural resources of an area, commonly a foreign country or an area of operations.

SCIENTIFIC: Intelligence pertaining to the progress of scientific research and development, especially as it affects the military or economic potential of a nation. Cf. TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE.

TECHNICAL: Intelligence concerning devices, equipment, and specific processes. Akin to scientific intelligence (q.v.) but tends to be differentiated from it on the basis of practice vs. theory. Scientific intelligence concentrates on research and experimentation. When research and experimentation lead to production, any intelligence concerning the products and production methods and techniques is properly called technical intelligence.

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